

# County of Los Angeles

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED** 

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO PROCEED WITH
THE ACQUISITION PROCESS FOR THE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF PIPING AT THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S CENTURY REGIONAL DETENTION
CENTER FACILITY
(SECOND DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

The chillers, which are components of the Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system at the Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) have undergone major repairs but still require the removal and the installation of piping. Pursuant to Title 8 California Code of Regulations, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) must maintain and operate CRDF's HVAC system to State Building Standards.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Internal Services Department (ISD) as the purchasing agent for the County of Los Angeles (County), to proceed with the acquisition process for the removal and installation of piping that supplies the water to the chillers at CRDF in an amount not to exceed \$230,000.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this recommended action is to obtain Board approval to authorize the purchasing agent to proceed with the acquisition process for the removal and installation of piping. The piping supplies the water necessary for the chillers to operate at CRDF.

Without the removal and installation of piping, the air-cooling and heating capabilities would be at

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risk. HVAC system failure would have a negative impact on the environment and working conditions for the Department's employees and for the inmates housed at CRDF. Failure to maintain habitable conditions would require the controlled relocation of the impacted inmates. As required by State regulations, the CRDF's HVAC system must meet air quality standards.

The acquisition of the equipment for this project falls under the statutory authority of the County's purchasing agent. However, due to the specialized nature of the installation, and the need to meet certain code requirements, the service component associated with installation labor costs may exceed the authority of the purchasing agent. Therefore, Board approval is required for the purchasing agent to proceed with this aspect of the acquisition.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The services support the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The estimated cost of the removal and installation of piping includes materials and labor that will not exceed \$230,000, which will be funded by the Department's Inmate Welfare Fund.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The acquisition of the equipment for this project falls under the statutory authority of the County's purchasing agent. Government Code Section 25502.5 states that the purchasing agent may contract for services on behalf of client departments up to a statutory limit of \$100,000. The service component associated with installation labor costs may exceed the authority of the purchasing agent. Therefore, Board approval is required for the purchasing agent to proceed with this aspect of the acquisition.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County purchasing agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through and accomplished by the purchasing agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures, established by ISD.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no negative impact on current Department operations and services if all the repairs are done promptly.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Upon Board approval, please return two individually certified copies of the Board adopted letter to the Department's Facilities Services Bureau.

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Sincerely,

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